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MEMORANDUM

SUBJECT: Final Handbook for Non-Cancer Health Effects Valuation

FROM: William H. Farland, Acting DAA for Science /s/
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TO: Science Policy Council

Attached please find a copy of the final ***Handbook for Non-Cancer Health Effects Valuation*** which Norine Noonan mentioned at the December 11, 2000 Science Policy Council meeting. As you may recall, this document is a reference for economists that was developed by the Social Sciences Discussion Group (SSDG). The handbook has received external peer reviews, and extensive review by staff economists in the Program Offices and in several Regional Offices and the SPC. The work group has addressed comments received through final agency review.

This final document will be posted on the SPC homepage with links to the Agency Economic Guidance web site as a supporting reference to the Agency's Economic Assessment Guidelines. This handbook is an important building block for SPC work on the interface between risk assessment and economic benefits evaluations. Thank you for your participation and special thanks to Gary Cole and the members of his work group for completing this valuable reference.

If you have questions, please contact Ed Bender (202-564-6483) of the SPC staff.

/s/

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Attachment

CC: Steering Committee